GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2743
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Book Festival
Girri Shri Maheish

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organised book festivals in various parts of the country which showcases books written in their regions' local languages;

(b) if so, the response to such book festivals;

(c) whether all texts were presented in such festivals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes Madam, National Book Trust, India, an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Human Resource Development is mandated to organise Book Fairs/Exhibitions across the country where books in concerned Indian Languages are Exhibited and sold by respective publishers.

(b) There is an overwhelming response to such book festivals.

(c) Participating publishers/book sellers exhibit their selected books, on different subject areas at these book fairs.

(d) During the year 2015-16 National Book Trust (apart from World Book Fair at Delhi) organised domestic book fairs at Itanagar, Shillong, Dharmapuri, Dehradun, Udaipur and Patna. Details are at Annexure.

Annexure in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2743 regarding Book Festival raised by Shri Maheish Girri to be answered on 14th March 2016

DOMESTIC BOOK FAIRS
Organized by National Book Trust, India (2015-16)

Name of the Book Fair Participants / Stalls Number of Indian Participants
Itanagar Book Fair 31 / 57 10
Dharmapuri Book Fair 80 / 88 71
Shillong Book Fair 43 / 76 08
Dehradun Book Fair 72 / 90 48
Udaipur Book Fair 72 / 87 65
Patna Book Fair 118 / 155 95

SALES DETAILS OF NATIONAL BOOK TRUST AT
NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR AND
DOMESTIC BOOK FAIRS (2015-16)

Name of Book Fair
Net sale (in lakhs)

New Delhi World Book Fair 67,55,813
Itanagar Book Fair 74,587
Dharmapuri Book Fair 1,08,428

Shillong Book Fair 70,540
Dehradun Book Fair 5,11,864
Udaipur Book Fair 3,61,967
Patna Book Fair 3,45,723